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HAWAII (August 8).--Crops specialist met with Plantation Production Advisory Committee to discuss and outline fall planting schedules; made regular triweekly inspections of plantation food-production activities on Oahu for office of Military Governor; offered detailed instructions on vegetable production to Commanding Officer at distant Army post, and rendered assistance to Navy on an off-island problem undertaken in May.

Poultry Husbandman completed plans for obtaining Muscovy-duck eggs for hatching. Each 4-H Club member on Oahu will have 10 ducklings in the 4-H Food for Victory Program, or a total of 3,000 ducklings.

Forms prepared and distributed by animal husbandman for making survey of dairy labor now employed and number and kind of workers needed. Data on monthly milk production at all dairies on Oahu summarized and charted.

Long-range plans for distribution Oahu-grown vegetables made by extension economist in cooperation various groups working in this field. Crop estimates for August compiled and published.

County agents continue to assist farmers in getting applications for gasoline, insecticides, tires, and farm equipment. Advice given on poison-administration problems, home-food production, emergency feed crops, marketing.

Through efforts county agent on Kauai, rice growers on island allowed to use ricebird guns or firecrackers to protect their crops. Growers will be issued guns and sufficient ammunition each morning for shots during daylight hours, guns and unused ammunition to be returned in evening. Police of district will handle distribution and collection of guns and rationing of powder, shots, and caps.

Agents on Hawaii and Kauai aided in checking farm machinery recently lent by Federal Government for use in production of food crops.

Three-day conference of home agents and their assistants held in Honolulu for discussion and planning county programs. Agents continue to cooperate with military and civilian authorities. At maternal and child health clinics, demonstrations have been given on preparation guava juice for infant feeding, and ways of introducing milk into the diet. Large number of women beginning to can surplus foods from their home gardens. Home-makers on Molokai have canned meat and poultry. Many housewives trying soybean flour.

KANSAS. (August 15). --Prevention fire in wheat fields given special attention. Emphasis also given to fighting fires that might get started.

Neighborhood leaders assisting in garden program, anti-inflation program, rural fire prevention and control, farm-labor survey, transportation, waste-fat collection, food preservation, enrichment of bread, soybean and flax production.

To prevent possibility of acute labor shortage during wheat harvest, cooperation was obtained of State Civilian Defense Council in urging local defense councils to recruit businessmen to help for short periods in case of emergency. County labor committees arranged with county commissioners for transportation in event it becomes necessary to send trucks for harvest workers outside the county. Governor agreed to use State trucks for this purpose if need warrants. More than 3,000 harvest hands have been placed on farms. Labor committees have kept wage rates fair and uniform, thus avoiding tendency of men to drift to areas paying most money.

Plans under way for setting up livestock-marketing machinery in counties, to reduce duplication and waste in transportation. Farmers urged to market part of pig crop prior to Thanksgiving and after February 1, to avoid overtaxing transportation and processing facilities during December and January.

Wheat outlook pertaining to supplies, demand, consumption, exports, and price, and their relation to marketing quotas, presented to farmers by means of meetings, press releases, and radio. Farmers urged to increase storage capacity on farms. Survey of storage situation made through neighborhood leaders.

Spot check on food production and preservation conducted over State, Findings not yet tabulated.

VIRGINIA (September 1).--Cooperating in forwarding 1943 A-A program and war production goals by having agronomists cooperate with soil-conservation technicians in training A-A committeemen as to best use soil-building practices. Training meetings with SCS now in progress.

Engineering specialists and home demonstration workers held 12 training schools for county professional workers (FSA, WPA, WYA, Vocational Agriculture, Extension) on maintenance and repair of household equipment. Schools will later be held in every county. Professional workers will in turn hold maintenance and repair clinics for rural people on community basis.

Milk-production surveys indicate production per farm 8.3 percent higher than for first 8 months 1941; 4 percent more milk cows, and averages of 2 percent increase per cow. Increasing number of heifers retained for herd replacement.

Poultry specialists making plans for marketing surplus eggs. Held 25 culling demonstrations attended by 305; also discussed feeding, housing, general management.

Planning the fall wardrobe in light of war conditions subject of home demonstration leader training meetings in 15 counties. Leaders will hold demonstrations on restyling and construction of clothing. 35 more counties asking for this training.

Club leaders report 35,000 4-H boys and girls contributing to Food for Freedom. Nearly 6,000, under supervision of white or negro agents, definitely enrolled in garden projects. All members assisting with family gardens. Emphasis now on storage, and members supplies with information on frost-proof shelters for fruits, vegetables, and canned goods.

Gardening specialists worked with growers and canners of tomatoes, holding 26 demonstrations on grading attended by 190. Held 34 meetings on fall gardens and storage, attended by 895.

